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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

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**Flu Shots Available on Campus for Only $10**

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The Student Health Center is providing flu shots in University Center 203. There are 200 flu shots available only through Oct. 10. The SHC staff will administer the shots on a first-come, first-served basis.

The flu shots available on campus this year have vaccines to cover Influenza Type A (H1N1 type), Influenza Type A (H3N2 type) and Influenza Type B (H1N1 type). Both seasonal and swine flu are covered by just one flu shot.

Students can make an appointment by telephone to get their flu shots, or they can drop by the SHC office. Payment is made at the cashier's office, and all forms of payment are accepted. Students also have the option to show their driver's licenses.

Flu shots are recommended every year. According to the website of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the flu is responsible for about 100,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths each year. The website states that get well and recover from the flu. The website states that people with certain conditions are at higher risk of complications from flu and should consider getting a flu shot.
New Season for UAH Theatre Includes Shakespeare, Opera and Benefit Concert

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This semester there are three productions in the works for UAH Theatre. These include an opera, a play and a benefit concert, all of which are brought about by the head of the theatre department, David Harwell.

The productions for this semester are "The Consul," an opera about a woman whose husband is arrested for being a political activist. She must speak to the consul to attempt to free him but runs into difficulties along the way. It will run Oct. 26, 28 and 30 at 7 p.m. in Wilson Theatre.

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From Nov. 16-19 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 20, the Chan Auditorium will host Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors." The shortest of Shakespeare's plays, it's a story about a set of identical twins separated at birth and what happens when their families and friends meet the unknown twins.

These shows are free to UAH students but any and all are welcome to come. In 2005, UAH's theatre program came back to life when Harwell, a full-time theatre professor, was hired in the communication arts department. Productions started soon after. In 2006, Morton Hall Studio, the Black Box theatre, and the Theatre Minor/Cognate were created. The Black Box theatre has housed eight shows, including " Crimes of the Heart" and "Country Club." The Chan Auditorium in the Business Administration Building has housed 13 productions and three musicals, including "The Glass Menagerie" and "Little Shop of Horrors." The theatre department has also helped the music department produce two operas in Roberts Recital Hall, with a third opera taking place at the end of this month in Wilson Theatre.

UAH currently only has a 24 hour inter-disciplinary theatre minor. Students in the theatre program have many opportunities available to them, such as chances to travel, perform and work as interns. Students have performed at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center in New York City and had internships in places such as Tribuna, Ill.

The four students who studied in Illinois worked with Mark Roberts, the executive producer and lead writer for "Two and a Half Men." He is also the creator of CBS's show "Mike and Molly." He has been hosted on campus twice.

"I adore UAH's theatre program," Scarlett Chandler, a theatre major, said. "They cover a great variety of plays that keep it fresh and fun for the people in them, as well as the audiences watching them, no matter the time of year."

Two of those fresh and fun plays were original works by Mark Roberts.

The theatre honor society, Alpha Psi Omega, performed a second reader's theatre performance, "The Crucible," on Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall. The first performance is Midnight Madness, which officially starts the basketball season. Even though UAH does not have a football team to tailgate for, the fraternities and sororities welcome anyone for basketball tailgating on Oct. 14.

For more information on homecoming or to register for events, visit http://uah.edu/homecoming or email Kacey Schaum at kacey.schaum@uah.edu.

"Keep Friendship Alive" Rescheduled for Oct. 18

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Hockey Team Drops Contests in Western Michigan

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The Charger hockey team opened the season with two very competitive one-goal losses against Lake Superior State before facing an extremely talented Western Michigan team this past weekend.

Any momentum the Chargers had gained from the goal was reversed early in the third period when the Broncos scored to go up 5-1. WMU added one more goal moved early in the third period when the Broncos scored to go up 5-1. WMU added one more goal.

Junior Tye Springer, but neither team could get off a good shot in overtime. The game ended with a 2-2 tie. The Chargers came when junior Juan Salazar made a nice save from freshman Kyle Simmons. A defender missed the play that led to Simmons’ ninth strike of the season.

“T he defender made a mistake and missed the ball,” Simmons said. “I was standing right there and chipped it in over the keeper.”

Simmons currently leads the Gulf South Conference in goals and reached his 20th point of the year after this contest.

The Chargers continued their strong play Sunday with a 1-0 win against Ouachita Baptist. The shutout marked senior Kel Markert’s second consecutive clean sheet. It was a tense match throughout, with 24 fouls and two cards issued. Sophomore Felix Hjalmarsson had an impressive bicycle kick, but UAH was unable to score in the first half.

Hjalmarsson would not miss his next attempt as he took a nice pass from Oscar Leon in the 65th minute and put the ball in the back of the net in what would be the game-winning score for UAH.

The win marks the third consecutive victory for the Chargers and moves them to 7-3 on the year and 2-0 in conference play.

The Lady Chargers are also undefeated so far this month, thanks in part to two consecutive draws.

UAH scored 2-2 tie against West Georgia in a contest that saw the team playing all out so that they wouldn’t fall to 0-2 in the conference. Sophomore Khadijah Jamshid scored her third goal of the year after a nice pass from senior Kyle Gilbert taking the team could get off a good shot in overtime.

Softball Team Looks Strong in Offseason

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During this fall’s offseason, the team started off with two 9-2 wins against Motlow State Community College on Sept. 24. The following weekend, on Oct. 2, the Chargers played a triple-header against Chattahoochee State Community College.

The games against Chattahoochee State resulted in two wins and one loss. In the first game, the Chargers defeated the Tigers with a 7-5 victory. The Chargers scored five runs in the bottom of the first inning, batting with a potential blowout until the fourth inning when Chattahoochee State retaliation, scoring five runs to take over the lead. In response, UAH scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth and ended the game with a final score of 7-5. Whitney Toler earned the win.

The second game resulted in a 6-2 win for the Chargers. Although the Tigers scored one run in the top of the first inning, the Chargers responded with a strong rally in the bottom of the first, scoring four runs. In the bottom of the second inning, UAH scored once again, and in the sixth inning, both teams scored one run each, with sophomore Whitney Gilbert taking the win.

The Chargers did not do as well in their third game, losing 11-2 to their opponents. See SOFTBALL on Pg. 4

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The hormones estrogen and progesterone are known to play a role in causing breast cancer. Estrogen can cause cancerous cells to double every 36 hours. A tumor needs an increase of blood and oxygen for a food supply. Progesterone causes stromal cells, the body's own cells, to send out signals so that more blood is sent to the tumor for food.

Currently, there is no cure for breast cancer. If breast cancer is detected early enough there are several treatments available. Surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and hormonal therapy are the most common treatment options.

Surgery and radiation focus on removing or destroying the cancerous cells. A lumpectomy removes the tumor and a little bit of tissue around it. A modified radical mastectomy removes the entire breast and some of the lymph nodes under the arm. A radical mastectomy removes the breast, the chest muscle and all the lymph nodes under the arm.

Chemotherapy and hormone treatments attempt to destroy cancer cells that have spread in the body. Chemotherapy uses drugs to slow the growth of the cancer or kill them. Hormone therapy stops the cancer from receiving the hormones it needs to grow and spread.

There is no way to be 100 percent sure you will never get breast cancer, but there are methods to lower the risk. According to the Mayo Clinic, limiting alcohol intake, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, breast feeding, lowering or discontinuing hormone therapy and minimizing exposure to environmental pollutants can help decrease a risk of breast cancer.

Because breast cancer is a widespread illness, people all over the country are helping. Everyone from celebrities like Kim Kardashian to the local Publix down the street are donating money to research and treatment programs.

There are always online shops that offer part of their proceeds, such as the shop for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure online shop. The Susan G. Komen foundation also hosts walks and runs to raise money for the cure.

There are lots of ways for students to help or become involved. In addition to the online stores that are open year round, anything purchased with the pink breast cancer awareness ribbon on it during the month of October will help donate towards finding a cure. Another way to help is to organize or participate in a Race for the Cure. Many breast cancer awareness sites also have links on how to get involved.

For more information on breast cancer, treatments and getting involved, please visit www.nbcam.org or www.komen.org.

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time, leading to the deadlock.

The Lady Chargers were feeling confident after a 2-0 home loss in the next match, but Harding found Jannah once again in the 31st minute, and Jannah pulled through with her second goal of the day. The win moves UAH to 3-7-2 on the year and 1-1-1 in the conference.

Sophomore Iris Gunnarsdottir scored a crucial shot on the scoreboard early in the game with a quick goal after a perfect pass by junior Emily Hancock in the 10th minute. The Lady Chargers came back to tie, but UAH was desperate to pick up a win this time.

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Record was praiseworthy.

This year, the team only lost four seniors: Krystal Johnson, Emily Roach, Sarah Nickey and Alex Lewis. However, with so many new players, the team requires some time to bond and adjust to playing together.

“We have a lot of good pieces to the puzzle, but this is a new year,” Coach Stuedeman commented. “Last year, everything that could go right did. Everything that could go wrong did not.”

The outlook looks bright for the softball after a great offseason play. The chemistry between the returning players has not degraded, so the new people should have no problem becoming a member of a team that almost won a national championship last year.

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Formance was “Killer Joe” on Sept. 21. APO is also hosting an improv night on Nov. 3.

Harwell holds a bachelor’s of fine arts in theatre from Montevallo and a master’s of fine arts in theatre design and technology from the University of Illinois. He has worked on projects ranging from MSNBC to a children’s show on PBS. In 2001, he won an Emmy for best set design for his work on the children’s show “Between the Lions.”

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